

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 13, to read as follows:

Software developers have written tools to satisfy the need to perform similar actions multiple times. More specifically, FIGURE 1 shows many tools 102 ... 122 ... 132, each designed to perform a different task 104A ... 104N ... 104Z. Each tool exists in its own universe. That is, each tool contains its own unique set of task property management, user interface (UI), scheduling management, status window, and logging options. For example, tool A 102, tool N 122, and tool Z 132 all contain the functionalities required to manage the corresponding task properties 107A, 107N, 107Z, user interfaces 108A, 108N, 108Z for a user to enter input for performing the corresponding task, and status indicators 110A, 110N, 110Z for informing a user of the status of executing a task. These tools 102, 112, 132 also include logging mechanisms 112A, 112N, 112Z that detail the execution process and the errors generated in using a tool. These tools 102, 112, 132 further include descriptions 114A, 114N, 114Z of the corresponding task, and task properties. These features generally have the same or similar functionalities, though they may be implemented differently. Additionally, some tools such as tool N 122 may contain features not implemented by other tools, such as scheduling functionality 116N. Yet, such a feature may be useful to other tools as well.